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REMARKS

In the Non-Final Action mailed June 17, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-30. A telephonic interview was held with the Examiner on September 6, 2005. In this Amendment in Reply, Applicants amend the specification and add claims 31-32. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the arguments set forth below.

Applicants note that, after the instant office action had been mailed, Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement (July 27, 2005). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that the references cited by the Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement have been considered by returning an initialed copy of the Form 1449 in the next communication.

A petition for extension of time is enclosed herewith, thereby extending the date for timely response to October 17, 2005.

Summary Record of Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended during the telephonic interview on September 6, 2005, during which the rejections of independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were discussed. Specifically, Examiner Gandhi and Applicants' undersigned representative agreed that the Jakobson reference (U.S. Pat. 6,766,368) does not disclose "knowledge services that *synchronize* each generated knowledge entity," which is recited in each of Applicants' independent claims.

In light of this agreement, Applicants submit that each of the independent claims define patentable inventions over the art of record and are in condition for allowance. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner remove the rejections of independent claims 1, 11, and 21. Applicants also request that the Examiner remove the rejections of claims 2-10, 12-20, and 22-30, each of which depends, either directly or indirectly, on the independent claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-30 are in condition for allowance.

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Amendments to the Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor typographical errors. The amendments introduce no new matter.

New Claims

Applicants have added claims 31-32 that depend directly and indirectly, respectively, from claim 1. These new claims find support, for example, in the specification at page 5, lines 25-32, and at page 6, lines 3-28. Accordingly, these amendments introduce no new matter. Because these claims depend from claims already believed to be in condition for allowance, as discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow the new claims 31-32.

Conclusions

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in this case for all pending claims 1-32, and return an initialed copy of the PTO Form 1449 that was submitted on July 27, 2005.

Applicants hereby specifically reserve the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on the amendments made herein.

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Please charge the required fees of \$100.00 (excess claim fees) and \$120.00 (Petition for Extension of Time) to deposit account 06-1050. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AD	Lesser et al., "BIG: An Agent for Resource-Bounded Information Gathering and Decision Making," <i>Artificial Intelligence</i> , 118 (2000) 197-244.
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